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Research Leads to Understanding



Physical science students find the laboratory an interesting place to study and work. Shown as they examine the contents of several test tubes are, left to right, Dr. J. G. Strong—instructor, Douglas L. Sharon Reimer, Kay Jackson and Daryl Johnson.

Science Laboratories Provide Training for Summer Students

By Edwyna Condon

Students interested in the physical sciences are seen peering into test tubes and flasks, figuring difficult equations, and weighing compounds on chemical balances any time of the day in the laboratories on the third floor. Many courses have been offered this summer to provide students with an opportunity to begin or advance in this major field.

Beginning students are studying elements and their compounds in the General Chemistry course, taught by Dr. J. G. Strong. Chemical laws and their reaction to one another are also an important phase of the course, which meets for five hours of recitation and eight hours of laboratory work.

Strong Teaches QA

Quantitative Analysis, also taught by Dr. Strong, delves further into the study of compounds by giving exact composition. Calculations are made by students in this course which has eight laboratory hours and two lecture hours.

Dr. Myrl Long is in charge of the General Chemistry class set up primarily for home economics and agricultural majors. These students are concerned with the carbon compounds and their relation to foods and farm products.

Survey Course Is Open

A survey course involving meteorology, chemistry, physics, geology, and astronomy is in the curriculum. This course is largely for students majoring in science.

The second semester of General Chemistry is being offered this summer and is taught by Dr. D. M. Cooper. This course corresponds to the General Chemistry course, as it is also a beginning course.

Advanced Course Is Offered

Classical Experiments, a course dealing with more advanced experiments in classical subject matter, is one of Dr. Cooper's classes. This course includes Physics 99, subject matter dealing with light, and Physics 102, subject matter concerned with electricity and magnetism. This is a junior and senior class.

Photoelectricity, thermionics, relativity, quantum theory, x-rays, radioactivity, nuclear physics, and cosmic radiation are introduced to students in the Modern Physics course, taught by Dr. Cooper.

Physics 150 Is Seminar

Mechanics or Physics 150 is a seminar class. A study of the subject of mechanics using calculus, vector analysis, and differential equations is presented.

Any person may take almost any course he desires with Dr. Cooper any other summer. This is the summer the plan is in effect. This summer works, of course, only when a student has the knowledge and ability to do individual study with reasonable results.

Special Dates!

July 11—Movie in the den, "David and Bathsheba."

July 12—All school picnic and square dance at the college park from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Those without Union meal tickets purchase tickets for 50c at the Business Office before 4:00 p.m. on July 10.

July 18—Marcia Robie Assembly

July 18—Movie in the den, "Elizabeth, the Queen."

July 25—Movie in the den, "Calamity Jane."

Graduate Students Have Coffee Hour With Instructors

A coffee hour for graduate students and instructors in the graduate program will be given today from 9:30 to 11:00 in the Union Lounge. It is hoped that this may be a continuation of the custom which was begun last year. The object of the coffee hour is to give the graduate students a chance to discuss their problems with their instructors outside the classroom atmosphere.

The coffee hour was instituted as a means of two-way communication between the instructors and the graduate students. Some of the students, being unsure of their class requirements and graduate status, cannot find opportunity to discuss these and other matters of importance with members of the graduate staff. It is therefore intended that the coffee hour shall provide this opportunity.

While the main purpose of this coffee hour is to bring together the graduate students and faculty, there is also a sub-purpose. This is to provide the setting for knowing other graduate students. Classroom associations differ from those which occur on a social basis. Thus the coffee hour is planned to offer such a setting.

Movie Review

Magnificent color and pageantry, excellent pictorial and vocal acting are outstanding in the film "Elizabeth, The Queen." This movie will be shown in the Bearcats' Den at 7:15, July 18.

For a quarter, you can see the real tragedy of an older woman in love with a man many years her junior. Her compensation, and the obstacle to her personal happiness, is her over-powering love for England and her passionate wish to keep her land at peace.

The hilarious and tuneful musical comedy, "Calamity Jane," will be the last film to be shown this summer session in the Bearcats' Den. July 25 is the date and twenty-five cents is the admission price.

Starring Doris Day, Howard Keel, and Phillip Carey, the movie is based on exploits, both true and legendary, of the straight shooting Calamity Jane and Wild Bill Hickok. The setting is Deadwood City when South Dakota was the wild west and in its hey-day.

Teacher Examination To Be Held July 13-14

Teachers examinations, used to renew teaching certificates, will be held in the Nodaway county courthouse courtroom at 9 a.m., July 13-14.

Teachers with 64 hours but not 120 hours of college credit are required to renew their teaching certificates each year. Renewal may be done either by completing eight college hours during the summer or by passing the examination.

One-Woman-Theater to Treat Characters Known by Audience

Marcia Robie, accomplished comedienne, will present a series of character portraits entitled "Laughter With the Ladies" on Thursday, July 19, at 9:50 a.m. in the College auditorium.

Each of Miss Robie's characters is in some way molded or based on some actual person. In her programs are characters everyone knows, and the audience shares the enjoyment of the daily pattern of their lives.

Hypothetical Bomb To Require Alert In Eight Counties

St. Joseph, county seat of Buchanan county, will be blasted by a hypothetical 20-kiloton bomb on July 20.

The blast will occur at 12 o'clock noon, the alert lasting from 9:00 a.m. that day until 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 21.

Nodaway Is on List

Eight Northwest Missouri counties will be immediately concerned with the attack: Andrew, Atchison, DeKalb, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, Worth and Buchanan.

Main problems in this vicinity will be burying the dead, treating the injured, receiving and caring for evacuees and helping to restore St. Joseph.

Nation's Alert to Be July 20-26

The blast will occur in conjunction with a nationwide civil defense alert test July 20-26. The explosion, termed as a "baby" blast by atomic experts, would kill 7,000 people and injure 13,000 more.

Northwest Missouri Civil defense officials met in Maryville, July 9, to make preparations for the simulated atomic attack. Representatives from 14 counties, including civil defense representatives, county welfare officers, county chairmen of state civil defense medical-health service, sheriffs and radio amateurs in the RACES network, attended the meeting.

Farm Shop to Be Engineering Aid

Innovations seem to be the order of the day. A thirty-two by forty-eight foot remodeled farm shop is being added to the facilities of the Agriculture Department. Increased enrollment in the department and added emphasis by the department on improving the engineering phase are the main reasons for the addition of the shop.

Complete remodeling has been done on what used to be the "bus barn." A concrete floor has been poured, the electrical system replaced, and the interior of the building finished with plywood.

Regular agriculture farm shop classes, formerly held in the Industrial Arts building, will be held in the new shop. In addition the care of tools and machinery from the College farm will be done there.

Many new tools are being purchased for the shop and the ones already in use will be moved to the shop.

Twenty-Five From Here See "Best Foot Forward"

A group of students from the College went by bus to Kansas City, July 6, to see the production of "Best Foot Forward" at the Starlight Theatre. This trip was sponsored by the College as a service to the students.

Those who went to Kansas City were Jeannie Blacklock, Jewel Robinson, Jackie and Lynn Adams, Mr. and Mrs. James Cobb, Alois Wilkinson, Mrs. Ruth Burke, Monica Giesken, Verna Lee Wright, Sandra Craven, Joan Swanson, Marie Allee, Mrs. Frank Dukes, Barbara Crowe, Raymond Handley, Marilyn Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gregory, Harold and Janice Wilkinson, Beth and Glenn Brown, Sandra Davis and Helen Francisco.

Perhaps the key to Miss Robie's success in the field of one-woman theater is the careful treatment of her characters. Her gift for entertaining and amusing her audience is based on the understanding of other people's problems, and her sympathetic treatment of their troubles.

Makes Audience See

She makes her audience see—not Marcia Robie—but often a stage full of people engaged in the ordinary, real-life preoccupations so natural to them. Her programs



Marcia Robie

are never stationary, but full of movement.

Unusual about Miss Robie's program is the fact that she writes all the material herself, designs her own costumes, many of which are slightly fantastic, and produces her own show.

Theater Is Main Interest

The theater has always been Miss Robie's main interest. During her childhood she performed at amateur theatricals and church and school shows. When she entered the University of Connecticut, she became quite prominent in dramatic projects there. After her graduation she entered radio, and soon had her own show.

Miss Robie has appeared in many productions of summer stock at various theatres in the east and is well-known to audiences throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts. She has had several guest appearances on television. This past winter she has been a regular performing member of the Community Theater project in her home area in Connecticut.

Sanders Is Killed In Plane Tragedy

Robert E. Sanders, a former student of the College, was among the 128 passengers aboard the two airplanes that collided in the Grand Canyon, Saturday, June 30.

Sanders, 21, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sanders, of Atchison, Kansas. He was aboard the TWA Constellation flying from Los Angeles, where he had been employed by North American Aircraft Co., to Kansas City.

He enrolled at the College last fall and was a speech major and English minor.

Den Schedule

For the rest of the summer, the Snack Bar in the Bearcat Den will not be open on Sunday. The schedule for Monday through Saturday is as follows: Monday through Friday, 6:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All of Us Should Be Punctual

Disturbing and unsightly is the late arrival of students after the assembly program has begun. This disorderly occurrence is annoying to the audience and to the performers as well. During the last assembly, the soloist waited for several seconds for latecomers to seat themselves before he began a new number. Although this waiting was certainly an act of courtesy on his part, he should not have been interrupted by the noise and confusion of latecomers attempting to find seats.

As hosts to the summer's assembly performers, College students would no doubt leave with campus guests a more lasting and pleasant impression of our College, if they were courteous enough to be punctual in attending programs.

Sometimes, of course, the fault may lie elsewhere than with the students. Granted that it is difficult to cut five minutes from a lecture, instructors can show courtesy to guests by allowing students to leave class in time to arrive at the assembly before the program begins.

It behooves both faculty and students to show this consideration and courtesy to those who are entertaining them.

Have You Been Alone Recently?

Many people have written and talked about spending a little time alone each day. One does not have to go far to be alone with his thoughts and dreams, and many times it is well worth a little effort to be alone. If studies and personal problems pile up occasionally, as they do with all of us, take a few minutes off by yourself and let your mind wander freely—desires, needs, happy thoughts, or plans—let them all pass through your mind as they will.

In the writer's experience time alone at night, especially in the out-of-doors, is time well spent. If you live on the campus you have a wonderful and handy place to be alone; but no matter where you are you can find a private place. Here on the campus the scenery is conducive to happy personal thoughts if you will not associate the business side of campus life with the scenes.

Pause a moment and listen, relax and let the night sounds occupy your thoughts. Naturally, this time of year there are the crickets, frogs, and an occasional night bird. If the wind is blowing through the trees, its sound is relaxing also.

Enjoy the views, stop your rushing along, and look at the silhouette of a tree or shrub against the starry night sky. All of these things have been inspirational to people over the years and they will continue to be in the future.

Just remember, while you are alone think your own thoughts, not thoughts of lectures and textbooks. When your own thoughts are clear, then return to the lecture notes and books; you will find them much clearer, also.

The Stroller . . .

Confusion was noted in the underline of a picture which appeared in the last issue of the Northwest Missourian. The Mrs. Lloyd Mather appearing in the swimming pool happens to be the wife of Floyd Mather, who is Lloyd's twin brother. You can go back to your original age now, Lloyd.

Our stadium was filled almost to capacity, and about \$900 worth of fireworks was exploded during the two hour show, sponsored by the C. of C. on July the Fourth. From the noise the kids made one could assume that the show was well worthwhile. The Stroller could not figure out what the noise made by the boys on top of Quad 6 meant, but they seemed to enjoy the display also.

Word has reached the Stroller's ear that the girls have been fleeing from the dorm during the daytime to do their studying, because of the noise created by the fellows who are remodeling the basement. Be honest, girls, did you really leave to study or because the noise disturbed your sleep?

They're Talking About . . .

Mid-term results and being in the home stretch for the finals . . . The guy who lost in his struggle with the hard water in the municipal pool and came out with a shiner . . . Visits to Kay's Junk House . . . Jumping the water hole in the sidewalk at the northwest corner of the Ad building.

Lipstick on the coffee cups in the cafeteria . . . How nice Dr. Koerble's new office is going to look . . . The size of the crowd that watched the free fireworks display.

Schedule of Final Examinations

Final examinations of the summer session will be held on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, July 28, 30 and 31 on the following schedule:

Classes meeting at:	Will hold examinations on:
7:30	Saturday, 7:30 - 9:30
8:40	Monday, 7:30 - 9:30
9:50	Tuesday, 7:30 - 9:30
11:00	Saturday, 9:50 - 11:50
1:00	Monday, 9:50 - 11:50
2:10	Tuesday, 9:50 - 11:50
3:20	Monday, 1:00 - 3:00

Lecture-laboratory courses may use the examination period assigned either to the hours of lecture or to the hours of laboratory.

Students Today and Yesterday

The engagement of Miss Patricia Baker to Donald French, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank French, Percival, Ia., is being announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Baker, Maryville.

Miss Baker and Mr. French are both graduates of the College. Miss Baker taught last year in the Faragut, Ia., school system. She is employed this summer at the ASC office in Maryville. Mr. French taught last year at the Jefferson high school, near Conception Junction.

The wedding will be held August 1, at the local St. Mary's church.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Zook, Maryville, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Ruth, to Richard Alan Pistole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pistole, Pickering.

Miss Zook is a graduate of Maryville high school and attended the College during the past regular school year. Mr. Pistole is also a graduate of Maryville High and will be graduated from the College this summer.

A late summer wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Runyon have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia, to Walter D. Conrad, son of Mrs. Ida Ikerd, Des Moines, Ia., and Arthur Conrad, Gentry Center, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis, former students at the College, were visiting on the campus recently. They were on their way to Denver, Colorado, where Mr. Davis has a position with the United States Weather Bureau and Mrs. Davis is director of arts and crafts at the Fitz-Simmons Army Hospital.

Mr. Davis attended the University of Chicago this last year. He is working on an M.S. degree in Meteorology.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kariger, former students of the College, were visiting on the campus, July 3. Bob was recently discharged from the army at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

The Karigers plan to go to Boulder, Colorado, where he will attend the University of Colorado this fall and major in physical education.

Ella Lee Decker Trotter, Webster Groves, who received her B.S. degree here, received her master of arts in education degree from Washington University, St. Louis, at the 95th annual commencement, June 6. She is a sister of Mrs. Lee Shull, Fillmore, who is a summer student here.

Mrs. Thomas Henley, wife of Captain Thomas Henley of Topeka, Kansas, visited the campus on Sunday, July 1. Mrs. Henley, the former Miss Polly Cramer, was a student of the College, graduating in 1950.

Lynn F. Adams, graduate student, has assumed instructional duties with the Speech Department during the summer. Mrs. Adams is teaching swimming at the Maryville pool.

Bruce Peters Dies In Disaster Accident

Bruce Peters, 33, Kearney, Neb., formerly of Orient, Ia., died Monday, June 25, in a hospital at Morris, Manitoba, Canada, of injuries received June 19 in an automobile accident near that city. Bruce was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Peters of Spaulding township, near Orient, Ia. He was graduated from Orient high school and then attended Maryville State 1945-1948, where he was a star halfback on the football teams for several years.

For the past few years Peters has been adjutant and manager of the American Legion post at Kearney, Neb. He married the former Betty Boll of Creston, Ia., and they have two sons and one daughter.

Mrs. Powell Dies

Mrs. Jean Powell, a graduate of the College, died Sunday at the St. Francis Hospital, following a three months' illness.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



" . . . just what it says . . . 'If . . . of what . . . is . . . ?' If you had read the assignment, question would be perfectly clear."

State College Faculty

Mrs. Scott K. Sawyers, Jr., is a new instructor in the Home Economics department. Mrs. Sawyers is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina. She attended Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina, and received a B. S. degree in Home Economics education from that college in 1951.

Since then, Mrs. Sawyers has spent one year with the United States Department of Agriculture Extension Service, in North Carolina, and four years as home economics teacher in different secondary schools in Missouri. Mrs. Sawyers is a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron, national home economics honorary fraternity, and a member of Kappa Delta Pi, national education honorary fraternity.

She has also been named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and was an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland) in 1950.

Mrs. Sawyers is now residing in Maryville with her husband and daughter, LeAnne.

Miss Mabel Cook, chairman of the Home Economics department, recently returned from Washington, D. C., where she attended the annual convention of the American Home Economics Association.

While at the convention, Miss Cook attended a breakfast in the South American Room of the Hotel Statler for members of Kappa Omicron Phi, honorary fraternity for Home Economics majors. Many representatives from active and alumni chapters as well as chapter sponsors attended the breakfast.

Mrs. Ruby V. Wispe was one of five judges for the Miss Southwestern Iowa contest on June 28 at Clarinda. The contest, a preliminary to the Miss Iowa and Miss America contests, was won by Connie Stewart of Shenandoah. Miss Stewart tentatively plans to attend either Clarinda Junior College or Northwest Missouri State College, fall where she hopes to major in speech.

Dr. T. C. Jenkins, of the Education department, drove to St. Louis on Friday, June 29, to visit his wife. Mrs. Jenkins came to St. Louis for their home in Greenwood, Indiana to spend the weekend with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer T. Phillips, who have been visiting in Maryville, left Friday morning for their home at 438 Montclair S. E., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the College Education department, has been doing some educational research this past year. Mr. Phillips has been teaching in the Albuquerque school system.

They gave an "au revoir" dinner at Armstrong's Restaurant Thursday evening before they left.

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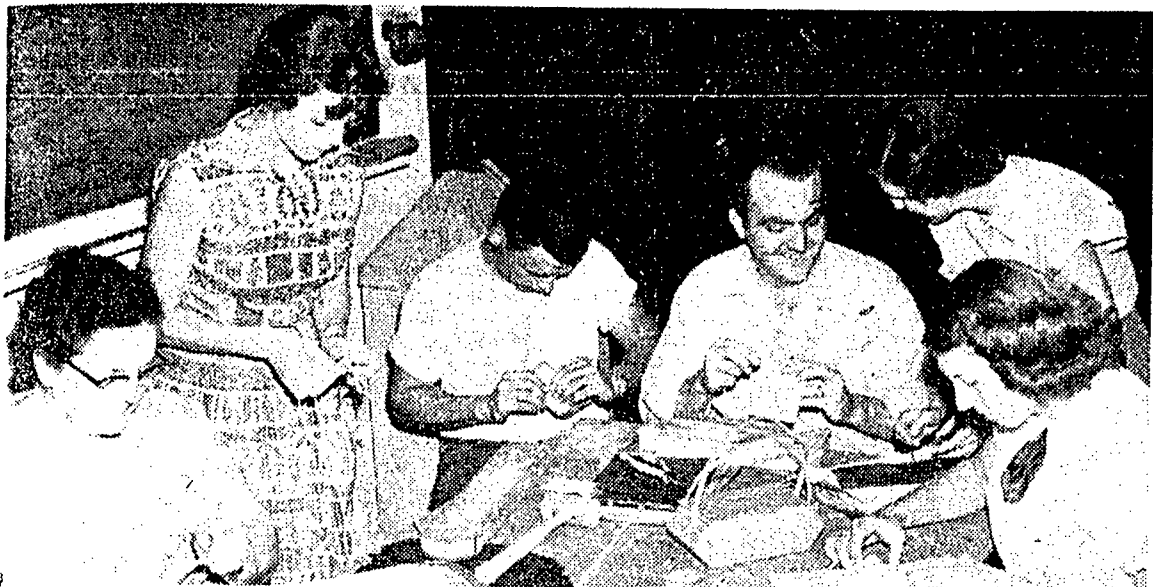
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"We will never bring disgrace to this, our College, by any act of cowardice or dishonesty. We will fight for the ideals and sacred traditions of the College. We will revere and obey the College laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in others. We will transmit this College to those who come after us, greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

Elementary Majors Work on Craft Projects



Hard at work on their I. A. 22 projects are Ethelda Schitker, a visitor, Ed Cox, Ed Vann, Maryann Burch, and Bonita Allen. All elementary education majors are required to take this industrial arts course, taught by Mr. Howard Ringold, which calls for working with tool leather, plastics, wood and art metals.

Committee Formulates Plans For Centennial Participation

Dr. Leon F. Miller is serving as chairman of a committee of College faculty members who are planning a program for National Education Association Centennial Observations for Northwest Missouri State College in connection with the nation-wide observations.

The Centennial will be observed from January 1, 1957, to December 31, 1957. Theme of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the N. E. A. will be "An Educated People Move Freedom Forward."

A meeting of the committee for the College, whose other members are Miss Olive DeLuce, Dr. Charles E. Koerble, and Dr. Sterling Surrey, was held Monday, June 18.

At the committee meeting the following ideas were presented, some of which are observations and some are for programs to be implemented.

1. Coordination between the public schools and College on community-wide observance of the N. E. A. 100th anniversary of its founding and also of the M. S. T. A. which will also observe the 100th anniversary of its founding during the 1957 year.

2. Contacts will be made with the civic clubs asking them to donate one of their programs for the 1957 year to Education and the Teaching Profession.

3. A college assembly will be held in or around American Education Week this fall and in 1957. Request forms have been sent to NEA for assembly speakers.

4. A request for a representative in the spring of 1957 was also made, provided a representative is available and in this area.

This representative would act as consultant in education classes and speak to the College faculty in the afternoon on professionalization.

5. Displays pertaining to the Centennial could be planned by campus clubs.

6. Radio programs could be planned for the fall and spring of 1957 by classes or clubs.

7. Attention given to the theme at Horace Mann Education Week Activities in the fall and Parents Night in the spring of 1957.

8. Emphasis of the theme as part of the Classroom Teachers Day on campus next summer.

9. Emphasis on the theme will be given at Northwest Missouri District Teachers Meeting on the campus this fall and next fall, 1957.

10. A display of public school art or possibly a poster display by students in college art classes for teachers.

11. Periodic showing of movies relating to the theme for classes and for public viewing.

12. Collaboration by the Chamber of Commerce, coordination with its Education Committee on Business-Teachers Day.

13. Reference given to the theme at the Little White House Conference here in September.

14. A pool of speakers arranged for use by service organizations.

Mrs. Sellers' Sister Dies
Mrs. Alice McMurphy Warner, sister of Mrs. Richard Sellers, secretary of the Field Services, died July 8 at Webster Groves. Mrs. Warner graduated from the College in 1924.

Water Colors Are Brooklyn Exhibit

Abstractionism, expressionism, and realism are all movements represented in the colorful exhibit of water color printings now being shown by the Fine Arts Department of the College. The paintings display depth of personal feeling and ability in handling the medium.

Among a number which show significant thought are "Birds in Flight" by Elizabeth Erlanger, of the National Association of Women Painters, "Each Day a Bitter Struggle" by Eugenia Zundel with its insight into human nature and comment on society, "Twilight Over Triboro" by Sylvia Carewe, a poet as well as a painter, which shows an interesting pattern, and "Rockport" by Helen Gerardia, with a strong geometric composition.

The exhibit has been lent to the College by the Brooklyn Society of Artists, and displays some thirty-five paintings by its members. All are artists of note, many with paintings in leading museums throughout the country, and likewise holding membership and exhibiting in major art associations in the United States.

Iowa Home Ec Instructor Presents Food Demonstration

Mrs. Alice Mansfield, home economics instructor from Gracuity, Iowa, presented a demonstration entitled "Food With a Flourish" on the evening of July 10 in the home economics department. The demonstration, which was given in connection with the Adult Homemaking Education course, featured garnishes, party menus, and other ideas for decoration in food.

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Nodaway County Has Queen Contest

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a queen contest to select "Miss Northwest Missouri of 1956" at the Nodaway county fair in August.

The winner will go to Kansas City to compete in the American Royal Queen Contest in October, and will reign over the Fair's activities for the week beginning Aug. 15.

She will also receive a wardrobe of afternoon, dinner and evening dresses complete with accessories for wear at the American Royal contest from the local C of C sponsors.

Maryville merchants have been asked to sponsor entrants, but if a girl does not have a sponsor, she should contact Albert Bell, chairman of the queen contest committee. He will provide a sponsor.

Bell said that there is no fee for either the entrant or the sponsor. Girls must be single and within the ages 18 to 24.

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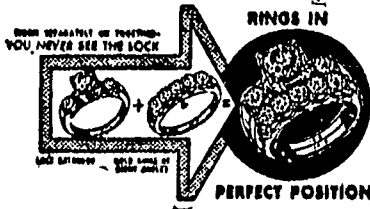
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Effective Reading Program Is Successful and Necessary

Effective Reading programs in more than one hundred colleges and universities have proved to be very successful and popular with students. Miss Dora B. Smith developed a reading program at Northwest State College a number of years ago. An additional thirty schools have organized such programs during the past year.

Northwest Missouri's Effective Reading Laboratory is located in Room 2 of the Library. Approximately one-third of each year's freshman class are required to take one semester's work in the reading laboratory. In addition, students who feel they need to improve their reading skill are provided this service.

Program Uses Films

The program is centered around the use of reading training film, the 16-series Harvard Films being currently used. Their use improves the student's eye movement, increases his reading speed, and also his reading comprehension.

The films emphasize the pattern of eye-movements and phrasing control. When students have to pay too much attention to what their eyes are doing, they are to that extent less attentive than they might be to what they are reading.

Good Reader Thinks About Material

Something is known about what "good" eye movements look like from the outside. But a good reader does not move his eyes well by thinking about them; rather, he moves his eyes well while thinking about the material.

Eye movements of good readers are more rhythmic and assured; they regress less frequently; they make fewer fixations per line, and they make a bold, accurate return sweep.

Tachistoscope Is Used

Other work in the Effective Reading Laboratory involves the use of workbooks, vocabulary building exercises, and a tachistoscope to increase the span of word recognition.

Students' facility in reading is also increased by use of regular timed reading exercises.

Alpha Sigs to Hold Annual Picnic in Park

The annual summer picnic of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority will be held at 4 p.m., July 15, at College Park.

The picnic will feature a pot luck supper; so no reservations will be necessary. All alumnac, actives and pledges have been invited to attend.

Mexico and China Are In Tonight's Pictures

Pictures of life in Mexico and China will be shown this evening at 7:00 p. m. in Room 2 of the College Library. The pictures, including a colored film of the Tarahumara Indians in Old Mexico, are the possessions of Jeannie Blacklock, post graduate, and will be shown by Mr. Charles Campbell, of the Reading Clinic and I. M. B. department, in the Library.

Miss Blacklock was graduated from the College in 1925. During 1932-33 she taught in the North China American School. For the next three years she did secretarial work in Tien Tsin, China. It was during this period that Miss Blacklock acquired the Chinese pictures which will be shown.

Richard II will come to life on the screen in a movie of the same name, which will be shown in the College Den at 7:30 p. m. on July 17. This movie will be free, and is being presented by the English Department. It is of historical nature and should be educational.

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College to Have Picnic and Square Dance

Event to Be Held Tomorrow Evening

Tomorrow night, July 12, this summer's all school picnic will be held in the College Park. Plenty of food and entertainment will be provided for this year's summer students.

Starting at 5:30 p.m., students and faculty members will enter the College Park for a lunch prepared by the Union Cafeteria Staff. After leaving the park everyone is asked to proceed to the tennis courts for square dances and games.

Menu Is Announced

Mrs. Ruth Burke, dietician at the Union Cafeteria, has announced the following menu: Franks in buns with mustard and catsup, potato salad, pickles, raw carrot strips, ripe tomato wedges, cake, and iced tea or punch.

Students who regularly eat at the Union Cafeteria will be admitted to the picnic free; however, faculty members and students who do not eat at the Union and their families must purchase tickets for the event from the business office.

Dr. Riddle to Call Dances

Members of the entertainment committee for this picnic are Mr. Foster—chairman, Mr. Everett Brown and Dr. Charles Koerble. Mr. Wilson will be in charge of the park facilities and arrangements for the picnic. Dr. Katherine Riddle will take the lead in the square dances which will begin about 7:15 p.m.

Pat Adams, Donna Thompson, Beverly Murphy, and Nancy Long will be the assistants to Dr. Riddle for the evening in calling.

Marvin Black Signs With A's



Courtesy of St. Joseph News-Press

Marvin Black, above, southpaw pitcher for the Maryville Merchants and College Bearcats, was recently signed by the Kansas City A's. Black and Carl Moore of Topeka, Kansas, were the only players among 200 hopefuls at the Athletics camp last week to be signed. Black previously had tried out with the Cardinals and after surviving two eliminations was one of ten invited to return next season.

Random Shots . . .

Won't be long till the football fever will be running around. Pretty hard to get in shape, right, Gilson?

Tuesday and Thursday evenings feature good softball games at Beal Park. One team is made of mostly College students and they are winning nearly all of their games.

Cincinnati was the big surprise of the All Star game balloting for the game played yesterday. They placed five of the eight players on the starting line up. The big "upset" was Ed Bailey winning over Brooklyn's Roy Campanella for the starting position at catcher. It turned out to be a good game.

Heard a brilliant remark at the Merchants July 1 ball game. When it started to sprinkle, a girl remarked, "They don't have enough sense to get in out of the rain." No names mentioned.

The Merchants are riding high with a 6-2 record with rough competition in nearly every game. Last night the Merchants lost to the K. C. Rockets.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the last square dance. Don't forget the all school picnic which is coming up.

Charlie Adair recently won a close tennis match from Dr. Leon Miller on the College courts. A return match has been promised. If anyone wants to see good tennis playing, go down and see this match.

The obvious rebuttal to the increased-size theory will be—"Isn't the pitcher of today bigger and stronger?"

The answer: Positively, but granted that he can throw harder, though it doesn't necessarily follow, it's axiomatic that the faster a pitch is thrown, the farther it will travel upon impact.

Former Star Visits

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rogers and two daughters, Susan and Sarah, of Laurensburg, N. C., visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Milner. Mr. Rogers' home formerly was in Jackson, Mo., where Mr. Milner was his high school coach. Marion and his brother, Robert, then followed Coach Milner to Maryville, where they were graduated in 1940. Mr. Rogers is with a textile company in the North Carolina town.

Marv Black Signs With KC Athletics

Marvin Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Black, Maryville, left last Tuesday for Grand Island, Nebraska, where he will play baseball for the rest of the season under contract to the Kansas City Athletics.

Black, a College senior next fall, pitched for the College Bearcats last season and has pitched two seasons for the Maryville Merchants. The husky left-hand pitcher came out with good records for both teams, and was known to have a very good fast ball. Black was also a provisional letterman on Coach Bob Gregory's 1955-56 basketball team.

The young southpaw went to Kansas City two weeks ago for try-outs and was then signed to the Grand Island ball club last Monday.

He plans to return to his studies here at the College next fall when the baseball season closes.

Ball Isn't So Lively, Sluggers Just Heftier

Isn't it about time the detractors stopped grumbling about the "lively ball" and the "smaller ball parks" and started giving a little credit where credit is due?

Why isn't it acknowledged that the greater output of home-runs today might just be due to the simple fact that the majors today are blessed by the greatest number of power hitters in the old game's history?

Babe Ruth hit 60 home-runs. Jimmy Fox and Hank Greenburg hit 58. Hack Wilson hit 56. If the ball has been so all-fired "hopped up" in recent years and the ball parks are so much smaller—why haven't powerhouses like Ted Kluszewski, Gil Hodges, Eddie Mathews, Duke Snider or Mickey Mantle hit that many—or 70, or even 80 home-runs?

Isn't the answer then very simple—that players are NOT hitting MORE home runs. MORE players are hitting home-runs!

Throughout the game's history, the home-run hitters have been (on the whole) the powerfully built men. Along with the trend of the nation in general, ball players today are bigger and stronger human beings. It used to be that the average club had two or three (and sometimes only one) home-run sluggers. The average club today boasts any number of men capable of hitting the ball out of the park every time they come to bat.

Take a good look at the average National League ball player and see how he's grown in the last 20 years. A comparison of the 1956 player with the National League of 1936 shows a remarkable increase in size.

Start with the first basemen since, from sandlot days on up, the biggest boy usually is the first baseman. The N. L. first baseman of 1956 averages 6 feet, 2½ inches and weighs 203 pounds. That makes him

exactly three inches taller and 24 pounds heavier than the first baseman of 1936.

According to the National League service bureau, the 1956 National League third baseman is two inches taller and 18 pounds heavier than his 1936 counterpart. Today's shortstop is 2½ inches taller and 10 pounds heavier, while the second base increase is 2½ inches and 14 pounds. In the catching department, it's all even in height at 5-11½ but this year's receiver outweighs the 1936 backstop, 195 to 186.

In the outfield, the difference is more pronounced. The ten fielding leaders of 1936 and 1955 were measured and the result showed an average weight increase of 20 pounds per man. When the groups are expanded to include a greater number of outfielders, the weight gain increases.

On the growth of today's major leaguer in size and power, Warren C. Giles, National League president, makes an interesting observation:

"It's an outgrowth of the change in scouting techniques since World War II. Every scout is looking for the power hitter now and has been for the past several years. Where the scout used to be on the lookout for the speedy kid who was good at hitting behind the runner, and other such skills, the primary question now is 'how far can he hit the ball?' These factors also hold good in minor league camps where the major leaguers of tomorrow are groomed to hit the ball for distance."

Now let's debunk the dissenting cries one at a time.

1. "Lively ball." Qualified baseball officials and the manufacturer (A. G. Spalding Co.) insist there has been no change in the baseball for a great number of years. A scientific test conducted last month at the Franklin Institute in Phila-

delphia proved the 1956 ball no livelier than the 1955 product.

2. "Smaller ball parks." That certainly is not true of the National League. No changes have been made for a good many years at Ebbets field, Wrigley field, the Polo Grounds and Connie Mack stadium. "Greenberg Gardens" has been removed to lengthen the distances at Forbes Field and the screen has been returned in front of the right field pavilion at Busch stadium. The league's newest site, County stadium in Milwaukee, is one of the toughest parks in which to hit a home run. Only at Crosley Field has there been any change in recent years and the right field fence there was moved in originally in 1946.

3. "Even the little guys are home-run hitters now!" Again—definitely not so. "Little guys" such as Don Blasingame, Dick Groat, Danny O'Connell, Johnny O'Brien and Frank Baumholtz have yet to hit a home-run in 1956 while Jackie Brandt, Ted Kazanski, Hobie Landrith, Gran-ny Hamner and Don Hoak have hit only one.

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